

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. **An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312.** To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael A. Scaturro on 07/13/2010.

2. **The application has been amended as follows:**

- **Claim 1, lines 19-20,** *"wherein once an initial message has been forwarded from a node circuit, it is ensured that all subsequent messages will be forwarded from that node circuit."* has been replaced with
-- wherein at least one of the node circuits is arranged to send back a confirmation of successful forwarding of a message from an initial part of a particular stream up to said at least one of the node circuits, at least a further one of the node circuits (22) being arranged to forward a subsequent message from the particular stream only after timely reception of the confirmation. --
- **Claim 2 is cancelled.**
- **Claim 11, lines 18-19,** *"wherein once an initial message has been forwarded from a node circuit, it is ensured that all subsequent messages will be forwarded from that node circuit."* has been replaced with

-- wherein at least one of the node circuits is arranged to send back a confirmation of successful forwarding of a message from an initial part of a particular stream up to said at least one of the node circuits, at least a further one of the node circuits (22) being arranged to forward a subsequent message from the particular stream only after timely reception of the confirmation. --

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Masur whose telephone number is (571) 270-7297. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 4:30PM (Eastern Time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on (571) 272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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